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NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: ALGERIAN CHARGE BOIJHARI ABDELKADER TOLD
SINAR HARAPAN CORRESPONDENT AUGUST 30 THAT NON
ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS WILL STRESS ECONOMIC
RATHER THAN POLITICAL MATTERS, AND WILL DISCUSS
POSITION OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AT 1974 LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE. ABDELKADER ALSO DESCRIBED BENEFITS
OF SUHARTO'S PERSONAL ATTENDENCE AT NON-ALIGNED
SUMMIT IN GLOWING TERMS AND SAID PAST DIFFICULTIES
IN INDONESIAN-ALGERIAN RELATIONS WERE A RESULT OF
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A MISUNDERSTANDING. TWO DAYS LATER, FOREIGN

MINISTER MALIK IMPLIED AT PRESS CONFERENCE THERE WAS STILL POSSIBILITY SUHARTO MIGHT ATTEND NAC, (ALTHOUGH HE TOLD AMBASSADOR EARLIER IN THE DAY THAT SUHARTO WOULD NOT ATTEND). HE ALSO STRESSED NEED FOR FOLLOWING CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE AT NAC AND GREATER ATTENTION TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS. THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE ABDELKADER WHO IS RETURNING TO ALGIERS SOON TO HELP WITH PREPARATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE, TOLD SINAR HARAPAN THAT NAC AGENDA WOULD STRESS ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN POLITICAL ISSUES, SINCE MOST NATIONS HAVE ALREADY WON INDEPENDENCE. CONFERENCE WOULD ALSO SEEK A "NON BLOCK CONCEPT" IN PREPARATION FOR 1974 LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE, HE SAID.

2. DISCUSSING INVITATION TO SUHARTO TO ATTEND CONFERENCE, ABDELKADER SAID SUHARTO'S PRESENCE AT NAC AND MEETING WITH BOUMEDIENNE WOULD HAVE "GREAT SIGNIFICANCE" FOR INDONESIAN-ALGERIAN RELATIONS AND FOR NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF WHICH INDONESIA IS LEADING MEMBER. HE SAID SUHARTO AND BOUMEDIENNE SHARED SIMILAR BACKGROUNDS AS GUERRILLA FIGHTERS WHO HAD BECOME "SECOND GENERATION" INDEPENDENCE LEADERS FOLLOWING FALL OF SUKARNO AND BEN BELLA AND THAT INDONESIA AND ALGERIA HAVE STOOD "SHOULDER TO SHOULDER" IN THE PAST.

3. TOUCHING ON INCIDENT AT 1972 ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION WHERE FORMER PKI FIGURE JAWOTO WAS SEATED NEAR SULTAN HAMENGKU BUWONO IX WHO REPRESENTED GOI AT THE EVENT (TO DISMAY AND ANGER OF INDONESIANS) ABDELKADER SAID INCIDENT WAS MISUNDERSTANDING AND HAD ALREADY BEEN CLEARED UP BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID JOWOTO HAD ENTERED ALGERIA ON PRC PASSPORT AND HAD NOT BEEN SEATED

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NEAR THE SULTAN, AND CLAIMED EPISODE HAD BEEN OVERBLOWN BY PRESS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK, AT PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 1, SAID "EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE SO THAT SUHARTO CAN ATTEND THE NAC" (ALTHOUGH EARLIER IN THE DAY HE TOLD THE AMBASSADOR PRIVATELY THAT SUHARTO HAD DEFINITELY DECIDED NOT TO

GO (SEE REFTEL).

5. MALKIK ALSO REMARKED THAT NAC HAD BEEN TOO CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL MATTERS IN PAST AND SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PROBLEMSIZFVATJCFMIC DEVELOPMENT. MALIK EXPLAINED THAT INDONESIA WAS FIRM BELIEVER IN PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT AND WOULD TRY TO STRENGTHEN THESE "ON THE BASIS OF CONSENSUS", HOWEVER, SUCCESS OF THESE PRINCIPLES DEPENDED ON OTHER MEMBERS OF NAC, AND IN ANY CASE INDONESIA WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO "DOMINATE" NAC SINCE GREAT MAJORITY OF ITS MEMBERS WERE FROM AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.
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